



FEMA

POSITION TASK BOOK FOR THE POSITION OF

National Qualification System

**HAZARD MITIGATION COMMUNITY PLANNER
SPECIALIST**

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1. Competency: Assume position responsibilities

Description: Successfully assume the role of Hazard Mitigation (HM) Community Planner Specialist and initiate position activities at the appropriate time according to the following behaviors.

1a. Behavior: Gather, review, and organize disaster-related information for analysis and decision-making

TASK	CODE	EVALUATION RECORD #	EVALUATOR INITIALS AND DATE
1. Coordinate with HM personnel to identify Stafford Act Section 406 mitigation projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify planning point of contact (POC) or representative for Section 406 mitigation ● Analyze Public Assistance projects to recommend potential Section 406 opportunities 	E, F, I, J		
2. Coordinate with immediate supervisor to identify local, state, tribal, and territorial HM priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review available sources such as existing mitigation and land use plans ● Interact with local, state, tribal, and territorial representatives and other subject matter experts to determine priorities 	E, F, I, J		

2. Competency: Ensure completion of assigned actions to meet identified objectives

Description: Identify, analyze, and apply relevant situational information and evaluate actions to complete assignments safely and meet identified objectives. Complete actions within established timeframe.

2a. Behavior: Implement the HM program processes

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3. Consult program regulations, applicable Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) policies, and local, state, tribal, and territorial policies concerning HM plan development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) • FEMA's Mitigation Planning How-To Series for state and local projects • Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 • Plan review document (crosswalk) • Federal guidance for local, state, tribal, and territorial planning • All applicable community- or state-specific requirements or guidelines 	C, E, F, I, J, T		
4. Coordinate with HM personnel to develop HM grant program project applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify planning POC or representative • Identify HM grant program mitigation POC or representative • Coordinate with POC to identify and compile HM grant program project applications and mitigation plans 	E, F, I, J		
5. Coordinate with local, state, tribal, territorial, and Federal entities to identify any technical assistance necessary to facilitate HM plan development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify state plan developers • Provide current regulations, policies, and guidance on plan development • Provide advice and guidance on funding opportunities and eligible mitigation projects • Provide advice and guidance on obtaining National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) claims information from FEMA • Provide advice related to integration of land use plans and policies and other relevant plans into HM planning process • Provide advice and guidance on completing a preliminary benefit-cost analysis to help prioritize projects in a mitigation plan 	E, F, I, J, T		
6. Provide support for and assistance with planning-related training for local, state, tribal, and territorial governments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with grants personnel regarding required expertise • Evaluate client-specific planning-related training needs and requirements • Compile current training materials and guidance • Identify individuals qualified to provide training • Coordinate training with training officer and immediate supervisor • Work with training officer to identify invitees 	E, F, I, J, T		

7. Review submitted HM plans for compliance with HM planning guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply regional variances in guidance application • Prepare draft crosswalk comments, including required/recommended revisions to the HM plan • Identify and compile mitigation plans and current review guidelines (for example, crosswalk/plan review documents) • Complete detailed review of mitigation plans 	E, F, I, J		
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2b. Behavior: Advise and guide on HM program concepts, rules, regulations, and processes

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8. Participate in meetings to identify potential funding sources for mitigation projects.	E, I, J		
9. Provide basic HM planning and operational technical guidance to internal and external stakeholders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify stakeholders • Compile guidance and best practices • Provide informal training • Provide guidance, regulations, and policies • Respond to questions, providing additional information as necessary 	E, F, I, J, T		
10. Provide HM planning information to HM grants staff to inform their program work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide copies of existing HM plans • Provide planning and policy documents • Answer detailed questions about mitigation planning processes and products 	C, E, F, I, J, T		

2c. Behavior: Advise on role of HM planning in long-term recovery activities

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11. Communicate with internal partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify internal partners with a role in long-term recovery planning • Inform internal partners about the purpose of HM planning and how it fits into long-term recovery activities • Provide examples of how HM planning integrates with recovery planning • Answer questions about the purpose of HM planning • Collaborate with HM program specialists 	E, F, I, J, T		

2d. Behavior: Provide technical assistance on HM planning activities

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12. Assist community or state in developing information to incorporate into mitigation plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Obtain NFIP claims data from FEMA or state NFIP coordinator ● Identify local or state plans with potential for cross-over with mitigation plans ● Identify potential mitigation projects ● Compile information about risks and hazards, including extent and probabilities ● Compile information about private, local, and state structures, infrastructure, and operations, including any critical facilities 	E, F, I, J		
13. Assist community or state in establishing a mitigation planning process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use FEMA best practices ● Identify core planning team ● Identify stakeholders group ● Establish schedule ● Establish a process for informing the public ● Establish review and approval procedures ● Develop a process for prioritizing projects, such as using STAPLEE factors (Social, Technical, Administrative, Political, Legal, Economic, and Environmental) 	E, F, I, J, T		
14. Assist community or state in prioritizing potential mitigation projects for inclusion in a mitigation plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compile potential projects from various sources ● Develop data to support preliminary benefit-cost analysis ● Complete preliminary benefit-cost analysis 	E, F, I, J, T		
15. Coordinate with program liaisons to identify technical assistance needs and scope of work related to HM plan and project development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discuss local and state capabilities and technical resources ● Determine availability of information about hazards ● Determine availability of information about built environment (including infrastructure) and local, state, tribal, and territorial operations 	E, F, I, J, T		

2e. Behavior: Analyze program-related data to make recommendations and identify problems

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16. Analyze and evaluate HM plans for compliance with Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, FEMA policies, and regional guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Compile plans ● Review plans in context of current FEMA plan review guidance (for example, crosswalk) and any additional local, state, tribal, and territorial requirements ● Complete crosswalk, with comments, recommendations, and required revisions 	E, F, I, J		